

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Laurent MEIJER et al.
Title: MEANS FOR INDUCING DIFFERENTIATION OF
SUPERNUMERARY HAIR CELLS AND DEITERS' CELLS IN THE
DEVELOPING ORGAN OF CORTI
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: